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In re Application of :  
Mueller et al. :  
Application No. 10/602,173 : ON PETITION  
Filed: June 23, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket Number: :  
ACU-125 :

This is a decision on the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b),  
filed February 10, 2006. The delay in treating this petition is  
regretted.

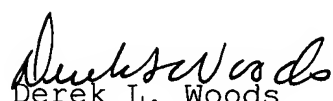
This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for  
failure to timely and properly reply to the Office  
Communication mailed February 15, 2005. The Office  
Communication set a one (1) month period for reply, and  
also provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).  
No reply having been received, the application became  
abandoned March 16, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was  
mailed September 26, 2005.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has filed a response to  
the office communication. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art  
Unit 3738 for processing of the Response.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed  
to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

  
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